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Re: Defeat Devices, Tampering and Competition Motorsports

Dear Mr. Craw:

Thank you for taking time on Friday to meet with me and my colleagues about a clarification under the Clean Air Act, which can be found in the proposed Heavy Duty Greenhouse Gas Phase 2 rulemaking, and its potential effect on competition motorsports. It is invaluable to have someone of your stature, experience and breadth of knowledge take the time to talk with us about the practical realities of the racing world.

It was very helpful to learn that we share the same goals. We agree that legitimate, sanctioned competition, using dedicated competition-use only vehicles, should be able to operate as it historically has. We also agree that it is essential that we protect public health by making sure that it continues to be unlawful to sell defeat devices or other equipment that removes or interferes with the pollution control elements on vehicles used on public roads.

EPA thinks that we can achieve both objectives. The challenge is to be very careful about how we do it, so that while we protect legitimate competition we do not undermine EPA's ability to enforce the rules that protect the public. As we explained to you, EPA has multiple examples of companies that make and sell aftermarket parts that defeat emission controls and that are clearly intended to be used, and are in fact used, on certified motor vehicles operated on public roads. It is not unusual for companies engaging in these illegal sales to try to protect themselves from enforcement by claiming that their products are intended for vehicles used exclusively for competition. Protecting legitimate competition, while not inadvertently providing cover for the sale of illegal and highly polluting defeat devices is what I think we all agree is necessary.

We look forward to working with you as we address these challenges.

Sincerely

Phillip A Brooks Director

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